



# Kansas Messenger

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connect with you!**

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## REGISTRATION OPEN DISCIPLES CONNECT & EQUIP REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

The Regional Disciples Connect & Equip event is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, at the Disciples Center at Tawakoni. This year's theme will center around "Adaptive change in a changed world" and what it means for Disciples.

With the focus on "equipping," we hope to provide more opportunities for congregational leaders to learn adaptive change methods in this post-pandemic/endemic world. Workshops will be a combination of knowledge instruction and teaching practical skills.

Workshops planned include:

- **Developing an Adaptive Change Culture**  
— Dale Matherly, pastor at Topeka FCC
- **Anti-Racism and Pro-Reconciliation in the Church**  
— Dr. Al Walker, Regional Minister for Reconciliation and Anti-Racism for the Southwest Region
- **Disciples Governance Changes**  
— TBD
- **Welcoming Refugees: How Can We Help?**  
— Christian Watkins, Ecumenical Campus Pastor at K-State
- **Developing a Church Communications Team**  
— Jessica Marston, CCK Communications Specialist
- **The Tri-Regional Partnership: What is it?**  
— Kelly Gindlesberger, retired Kansas pastor & member of Tri-Regional Partnership Team
- **Little Things Are Big things: being a relevant church**  
— Josh Lue, pastor at Great Bend FCC
- **Churches Supporting Children of Trauma**  
— Greg Rea, pastor serving Adoption Friend, Topeka

2022 marks a Regional Assembly year where we conduct the business of the Regional Church. At this time, we will vote on the following items, and any others brought to the assembly:

- Election of new Regional Officers/Moderators
- Approve revisions to the CCK constitution
- Approve the calling of a new Co-Regional Minister

The Kansas Disciples Women will hold their election and installation of officers during the lunch time at the Regional Assembly. Lunch will be your choice of ham, turkey, or veggie sandwich boxed lunch. Please indicate your preference at registration. Lunch choice is not guaranteed after the July 22 registration deadline.

Following lunch, we'll have another round of workshops, swimming, and a forum to introduce our new Co-Regional Minister, Tom Stanley. Watch the *Kansas Messenger* and Facebook for future details on this event.

**Registration is open!  
Registration deadline is Monday, July 25**

Cost for the event will be \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth and children (5-18 years), with children under five at no charge and covers program, lunch, and child care. Child care will be available for pre-registered children 4-years old and younger. Pre-register online at [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org), or through ENGAGE.





BY KEN MARSTON,  
CO-REGIONAL MINISTER & INTERIM PRESIDENT

## THOUGHTS FROM YOUR REGIONAL MINISTER

### A Transformative Initiatives Overview

Tri-Regional Partnership. Governance Project. Transformative Community Conferencing. These are names of three significant initiatives that have the potential to transform the life of our church in all its expressions:

local congregations, the Christian Church in Kansas, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). You will be hearing more about these initiatives in the coming months from various sources, but I wanted to use this message to give a brief introduction to each.

The Tri-Regional Partnership was initiated about two years ago when Bill Rose-Heim, Regional Minister of Greater Kansas City, Chris Morton, Regional Minister of Nebraska, Co-Regional Minister Steve Martin, and I had a conversation. The focus of this conversation was our mutual concern about how the three regions could more effectively nurture vitality in our congregations.

After three or four conversations we recruited three regional leaders from each region to form a partnership steering committee. We then engaged a consultant from the Kansas Leadership Center to help us clarify what we were wanting to

accomplish and an effective adaptive process that would help us make progress on transforming regional church life.

The Governance Project is about transforming how our denomination is structured and how it makes decisions. Holding General Assemblies every three years; streamlining the number of people on a more empowered nimble General Board to make decisions between assemblies; and each congregation appointing three assembly representatives for three-year terms are some of what is being considered. These Assembly representatives would be invited to quarterly conversations by video conferencing leading up to General Assembly time to discuss issues the church is facing. These conversations will help determine the agendas of General Board and General Assembly meetings.

Transformative Community Conferencing is a process developed by Dr. David Anderson Hooker to facilitate deep conversations about difficult issues. It promotes understanding and builds community in groups. It is a process that helps us stay in relationship with each other even when we disagree and will be the process for the quarterly video conferences.

Watch for more information about each of these initiatives.

## HAVE YOU TRIED ENGAGE?

This easy-to-use, mobile-optimized system allows you to give securely online, set up auto draft giving and view your giving history at your



convenience. Engage goes beyond online giving to also provide you a way to connect with others in the region through common interest groups, update contact information and register for regional and district events.

To get started, go to [www.kansasdisciples.org/give](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/give) and click the ENGAGE portal button. From there, follow the on-screen instructions to create an account or log into your existing account. If creating a new account, you will receive an email to reset your password and confirm the creation of your account. Mobile users will be prompted to add **engage.suran.com** as a shortcut app. After account creation, you can update your information, manage regional and district giving, and register for events all from one login.

## JOIN OUR TEXT ALERTS SYSTEM

Due to regulatory issues, we've been required to change the number used to subscribe to the CCK Text Alert system. If you are already subscribed and receiving messages this change will not affect you. However, if you've recently attempted to join the Text service, using our old number would have made it impossible to join.

For anyone who would like to join the CCK Text alerts system you can do so by texting KSMESSANGER to 316-465-5352 to sign-up.

There is also a sign-up page on our News website at <https://kansasdisciples.org/news/> Look for the "Text logo" on the right-hand side of the page. Standard SMS and data charges apply.



## TECH OR STRATEGY: WHICH ONE COMES FIRST?

*Written by Jessica Marston,  
CCK Communication Specialist.*

It is easy to get caught up in the latest technology craze and want the latest and greatest technology available.

In the case of churches, simply buying the technology isn't enough. A strategy for how it will be used, by whom, and for what purpose is also needed so that they can be effective with their message and efficient with their resources.

New technology that allows your church to connect with your community and share Christ's message is all well and good but think it through. Develop a plan. Set some SMART Goals. You can do far more damage to your own church's mission by jumping into the purchase of new technology without a strategy to go with it.

Five Tech Strategy questions you should ask yourself before you buy:

1. What is the purpose for buying this tool?
2. What is the best most efficient use of this tool?
3. How can we maximize our investment?
4. What is the expected life span of this tool, and are there other options available?
5. What is the desired effect of this tool on our ministry, and how will we know when we achieve it?

In conclusion, be creative. Be spontaneous. Try new things. Always remember that tools are wonderful but are just tools until you have a strategy to use them.

## REGIONAL MINISTER SEARCH TEAM RECOMMENDS REV. TOM STANLEY AS KANSAS' NEW CO-REGIONAL MINISTER

The Search Committee for Co-Regional Minister is excited to report that we recommend Reverend Tom Stanley to be called as the next Co-Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Kansas.

The process revealed Tom to be the best candidate for the position. To stick to the outlined process took a great deal of work, but also faith on the part of the members of the committee. When we made our vote, we did so with confidence. This committee has every right to feel extraordinarily proud of the work we did.

Below is a short introductory bio given to you by Tom, but here are a few additional thoughts from the committee. Some of the characteristics that the Search Committee saw in Tom during the interview:

- He has a great passion for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He desires for the denomination to no longer be the "best kept secret" in Christianity.
- He seeks to bring the Church outside of the buildings.
- He communicates clearly and calmly.
- He has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Oklahoma Baptist University and received a Masters of Divinity from Phillips Theological Seminary.

### Meet Rev. Tom Stanley:

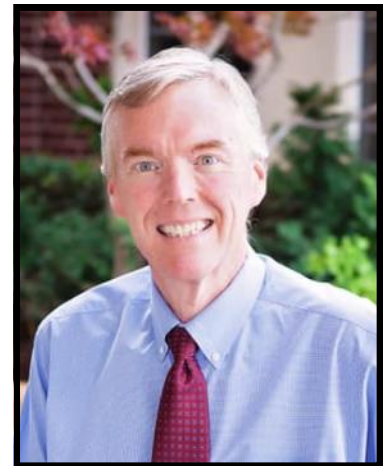
I currently serve Central Christian Church of Enid, Oklahoma, as their Senior Minister. Sandy and I have been married for nearly twenty-two years and are the proud parents of two amazing young people. Our son TJ is attending college at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa. Our daughter Scout is married to Jace Bowles, and God has blessed us with our first grandchild, Miles Atticus Bowles.

I have served the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in called ministry for nearly twenty years. I have been a member of the Regional Board of the

Christian Church in Oklahoma for a decade and served as an Area Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Moderator, and Treasurer. Additionally, I served the Oklahoma Region as chair of the constitution and bylaws revision committee.

I love the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! I believe in the covenantal relationship between Congregations, the Regional Church, and the General Church. Unity, not uniformity, must continue to be our polar star. One of the greatest strengths of the Christian Church is our diversity. I believe with my whole heart that all are welcome at God's table, just as Christ welcomes us.

I love to read, cook, and take evening walks with Sandy in my spare time. I very much look forward to what God has planned for us all!



## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

### TOPEKA PEACE CAMP 2022 REGISTRATION OPEN



All children who have completed grades K-5 are invited to attend a week-long, half-day camp that includes crafts, games, music, special guests (like a professional dog trainer and a beekeeper!) to teach life lessons, and a field trip to the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site.

Peace Camp 2022, presented in partnership with Topeka Center for Peace and Justice, will be held from 8:15 a.m. - noon on July 11-15 at West Side Christian Church, located at 432 SW Lindenwood Ave. in Topeka.

The \$30 per camper registration includes a morning snack, lunch, and a T-shirt. Scholarships are available by emailing [office@westsidedisciples.org](mailto:office@westsidedisciples.org).

See highlights from Peace Camp 2021 at [www.vimeo.com/677525953](https://www.vimeo.com/677525953). Visit [www.westsidedisciples.org](http://www.westsidedisciples.org) to sign up!

### SMCC SEEKS NEW PASTOR

Shelton Memorial Christian Church, Ulysses, is seeking a full-time pastor to serve our congregation. The church was named in memory of Albert Shelton, a young minister and missionary from Grant County. The church will celebrate their 100 Anniversary in 2026.

With so many churches struggling right now, we feel blessed to be a church that still has a traditional worship service with a Chancel Choir, active women's ministry, and adult and youth Sunday School classes. In addition, we have a preschool program that serves 36 children during the school year. We have been voted the #1 Preschool in Ulysses for 2 years in a row.

We have been blessed with a bountiful income from farm ground which affords us the opportunity each year to support many ministries and those in need. Our congregation is also committed to supporting Disciples Mission Fund through our weekly General offering.

We at Shelton Memorial Christian Church feel so blessed to be part of the family of the Disciples of Christ. We are striving to live in the here and now and at the same time look to the future with the promise of a new settled pastor to guide us forward.

If this sounds like a church you would like to serve, please email Co-Regional Minister Ken Marston at [kmarston@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:kmarston@kansasdisciples.org).



**\*\*\*Editor's Note:** The Disciples of Christ denomination has a Search and Call system for connecting available pastors with open churches facilitated by Regional Ministers. Please, do not contact the church directly. \*\*\*

**HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?  
YOUR CHURCH COULD BE  
FEATURED HERE!**

**SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES  
AND PICTURES TO US.**

We are glad to receive your news articles and photographs for publication. Submit your items online at [www.kansasdisciples.org/km-submissions](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/km-submissions).

The *Kansas Messenger* editorial team reserves the right to edit all materials for relevance, clarity, and space.

Submission deadline for the July issue is:

**Monday, June 20**

### IN TRANSITION

**Bob Phipps**, pastor at Hutchinson First Christian Church, retires from active ministry at the end of June.

## CAMP NEWS

### TAWAKONI IS HERE TO HOST YOUR NEXT CHURCH EVENT



Are you planning a church retreat or special event in 2023? Check out Tawakoni!

Tawakoni is more than a summer church camp. It offers year-round facilities for a variety of groups and ministries. Dates are filling up fast! All Disciples churches, groups, and ministries are asked to make reservations 12-18 months in advance to receive priority treatment. Submit your request early so camp staff can adequately prepare for your event.

Submit your reservation request online at [www.tawakoni.org/reservation-request](http://www.tawakoni.org/reservation-request) and secure your dates today.

### SPRING CAMP WORKDAYS RECAP



Camp Tawakoni is ready for campers! There were 14 volunteers working from May 21 to 25 getting the camp ready for the summer. We have cleaned all the

dormitories from top to bottom, mowed all the grass, cleaned the kitchen stove, changed the air-conditioner filters, fixed the roads, fixed all the parking lot lights, purchased and installed a new clothes washer, turned on the water in all the cabins, cleaned the pump house at the pool, finished the lights at the new canteen, and the list goes on and on.

**WE ARE READY FOR CAMPERS!** The 14 volunteers worked over 325 plus hours doing all of this and enjoyed great food and fellowship. **THANK YOU to all of the volunteers for your time and effort, you were truly sent by God to make this happen.** God's world and camp is ready for campers!

### MAIL CALL! SURPRISE YOUR CAMPERS WITH LETTERS FROM HOME.



Campers love to receive mail from friends and family back home. Letters need to be addressed in the following format to ensure timely delivery.

Remember, there is no mail delivery on the last day of camp. Consider sending letters early to ensure your letter's arrival. Include the camp session (i.e. Junior, Grand Camp 1, CYF, etc.) along with your camper's name.

Another option is to email your messages to the camp office at [reservations@kansasdisciples.org](mailto:reservations@kansasdisciples.org), and a staff member will deliver your message with the day's

mail. Include the camper's name and camp session in the subject line.

Packages are highly discouraged as it takes longer to process and deliver. Please do not send food as it is not permitted in the bunk rooms.

#### Example:

Jill Smith  
Junior Camp  
Disciples Center at Tawakoni  
8492 SW Tawakoni Rd.  
Augusta, KS 67010-8111

## NEWS FROM YOUR REGION

### 2022 ART OF CHURCH COMMUNICATION WORKSHOPS RESCHEDULED FOR JULY

Join us for the weekly Art of Church Communication Workshop Seminar in July. Taught by CCK Communications Specialist Jessica Marston, sessions will be online "at your own pace" to provide church leadership – pastors, office staff, and members – with tools and strategies to improve their church's overall communication ministry.

Each week participants will discuss a different church communication topic through discussion boards, a video presentation, interactive Q&A session, real-world applications, and more. In addition to all the great information, strategies, and resources presented at the Art of Church Communication workshops, every participant is eligible to win a \$50-\$75 gift card for their church.

Learn more and register at: [kansasdisciples.org/aocc-workshops](http://kansasdisciples.org/aocc-workshops), through your ENGAGE account, or the Regional Facebook Events page. The final registration deadline is **4 p.m. Friday, June 17**. A minimum of eight paid registrations is needed by the early bird deadline to hold workshops.



Check us out on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#)

## NEWS FROM YOUR REGION

### SAVE THE DATE: TAWAKONI GALA AND AUCTIONS



Save the dates for the annual Tawakoni Gala and Auction. The annual event provides an opportunity for you to financially support your regional camp, conference, and event center.

This year, you have two opportunities to participate: virtually beginning at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, through 9 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, and in-person at Tawakoni 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Proceeds from the Tawakoni Gala and Auctions support camp operational costs, capital projects and summer camp scholarships.

Attention Youth: be on the lookout for more information to come about collecting donations for the Gala and in return get a discount on camp registration fees next summer.

### JOIN US FOR DISCIPLES MEN FALL RETREAT IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 16-17

The next Disciple Men's Retreat will be Sept. 16-17, start making plans to attend. Our guest speaker will be the Regional Minister at Mid-America, the Rev. Paul Koch.

Paul Koch values most being a pastor to pastors and a shepherd for people seeking wider church connections in their faith. He is especially overjoyed that this includes helping men and his brothers among congregations grow into a deeper, vital, transformative spirituality through Disciples Men.

As a local pastor, he has always created weekly community men's groups that had stable followings. Each took various approaches to content and when guides were scarce, he wrote his own curricula on dozens of topics and approaches.

Cost is \$70 for individuals, \$60 each for a church group of five or more, and \$50 for first time attendees. Online registration opens soon. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 2.



### JOIN US FOR THE 2022 SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The 2022 Spirituality Retreat at Tawakoni is rescheduled for Aug. 18-20.

The retreat will explore attitudes of "Being" which define what it means to live in God's Kingdom. Matthew 5:1-12 will be contemplated from different Biblical cultural and experiential perspectives.

Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Mid-America, will be the retreat's facilitator. He has provided emotional and spiritual care for individuals and congregations for 30 years. He has also served in Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, and Interfaith Ministries in Missouri, Iowa, and Alabama.

Retreat cost is \$135. Register online at [www.kansasdisciples.org/events](http://www.kansasdisciples.org/events) or through your ENGAGE Account.

### PLAN NOW FOR THE FALL KDW RETREAT



KDW Women's Retreat will be Oct. 5-7 (midweek) and Oct. 7-9 (weekend). We are planning a full schedule where we will join in fellowship, learning, and worshipping. Your 2022 Retreat Committee, chaired by Jeanette Hammond, North Heights CC, Wichita, is putting the final touches on the preparation.

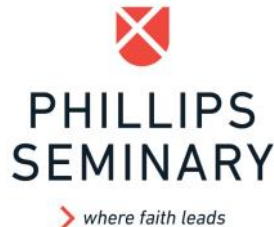
The Keynote Speaker is the Rev. Christian Watkins, Executive Director and Campus Pastor at Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Kansas State University. Additionally, she teaches in the School of Education and Human Sciences at the University of Kansas. Her ministry passions include fostering alternative faith communities, spiritual mentorship, creative liturgies, interbelief solidarity and

supplying abundant enthusiasm. A dedicated humanitarian, Christian has a passion for welcoming and affirming the experiences of immigrants and refugees. More information about Rev. Watkins is available on the registration form.

Using our theme scripture, 1 Peter 3:8-12, we will learn together how we can BEE church and make a difference by being a blessing to others in our lives and world. Register by Sept. 15 at [www.kansasdisciples.org](http://www.kansasdisciples.org) or through your ENGAGE account.

Please join with the women of the region as we embrace our theme, "Let's BEE Church and Make a Difference!"

## NEWS FROM YOUR REGION



### JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT PTS

Phillips Theological Seminary (PTS) offers paid employee health insurance, competitive wages, generous pension plan, educational support, three weeks of vacation with another two weeks of paid holidays. Click the full job description button to learn more about each position.

#### Director of Advancement

The Director of Advancement will support Phillips Theological Seminary's advancement objectives by sharing the organization's interests and benefits, identifying new prospects and donors, cultivation, solicitation and stewardship. [Full Job Description](#)

#### Director of Instructional Design

PTS is seeking a full-time Director of Instructional Design. This position serves as the primary resource for Learning Management Systems (LMS) end-users and the driver for developing excellence in online teaching and learning across the degree and non-degree programs. [Full Job Description](#)

#### Online Media Specialist

This position works directly with everything that has to do with Phillips' social media reputation. From advertisements that go on social media networks, to handling updates to the website, to preparing analytics reports, or maintaining accounts on social media sites, this position is key to the seminary's online presence. [Full Job Description](#)

#### Special Collections and Archives Librarian

The individual will ensure the long-term preservation, organization, and access of and to unique, fragile, and obsolete materials, both digital and traditional, within the Phillips Seminary Library holdings; support the learning and research use of the collections by Phillips' community and publics. [Full Job Description](#)

#### Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs

The Associate Dean will provide visionary leadership for the Seminary as it prepares learners to be religious leaders; will bring innovative expertise for the enhancement of academic programming; will oversee assessment systems and support accreditation work; will engage and negotiate with the entire student community in all areas of student affairs... [Full Job Description](#)

## BOUNDARIES TRAINING SESSION #3

The third session of the 2022 Boundaries Training is Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Tawakoni. We are created in and for relationships with intimate partners, family, friends, colleagues or congregational members, require healthy boundaries.

This workshop explores the meaning and practice of healthy boundaries in the context of ministry. It will also identify the signs, dangers, and preventions of boundary violations including those in today's social media.

The workshop begins with an assumption that the complexity of relational dynamics in the congregation is one of its greatest possibilities and its greatest challenges for ministry.

Registration cost is \$35 each for clergy and \$10 each for Board Moderators, Elders, Clergy spouses and other lay leadership.

### KCH LEGACY OF JOHN DINNER FUNDRAISER RETURNS



Kansas Christian Home (KCH) will have their Legacy of John fund-raiser dinner again after two years of absence due to COVID. Its' successful return is so important since the money raised at the dinner goes to offset the cost of taking care of Medicaid residents at KCH. Medicaid only pays about 80% of the cost of keeping a resident at Kansas Christian Home.

The Legacy of John Dinner is set for 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20. The dinner will be hosted by the First Christian Church Manhattan at 3001 Grand Mere Parkway.

The meal will include garden salad, brisket, turkey, pork loin, roasted summer vegetables, cake, water, tea, and coffee. There will also be a Portobellos option for vegetarians. The meal will be followed by excellent entertainment starring the "Charades," a well-known barbershop quartet in northern Kansas, and a magic show by Ken Garwick of Kansas City.

Seating is limited to 120, and we hope that the people and churches of Kansas will support this event to help us meet our fundraising goal of \$18,000.

Reservations are available from KCH (Rebecca Setser, 316-283-6600) and will cost \$150 each. Or consider sponsoring a table for six for \$900, to help people who would not be able to attend otherwise.

Let's support this comeback with a great event and help KCH. Please join us in supporting this ministry!

## NEWS FROM THE GENERAL CHURCH

### DHM PROVIDES TRAUMA RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Children and youth are not adults. There is a critical fine line between making our kids feel safe and still helping our children be aware.

For children, the brain is not fully developed and thus the information and images being processed can have a damaging

effect. Making sure to take time for a young person to process in a healthy way is important.

As we continue to deal with tough situations, here are some reminders from Ministry Across Generations, a ministry of Disciples Home Missions, as your young people process.

If you can, turn off the media. If you can't with older youth, then watch with them if possible. Process together, but with an awareness that adults and youth are not the same.

Remind them that they are safe. Even though no one can be 100% safe, and you do not need to lie to them, the neurons in our brains need to process a sense of safety to be able to respond in a healthier way.

Respond to a young person based on their age and questions. If a child asks, "Will I get killed at school tomorrow?" don't respond with your feelings of fear and anger. Remind them of the safety guidelines at schools, the locked doors, the teachers, and the knowledge that people do all they can to protect them. If older, then talk through ways to make safe choices.

Acknowledge their feelings and yours. It is okay to be scared. It is okay to be sad and angry. At the same time, share with your children about the helpers. Share some hopeful moments that may be hard to see. Spend some quality time with each other.

For resources go to: <https://disciples.org/congregations/trauma-resources-for-children-families/>

### ARE YOU NEEDING TO UPGRADE YOUR CHURCH TECH?

Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF) is offering loans of up to \$50,000 for technology upgrades to help qualified congregations pivot to a stronger online presence.

The technology needs of congregations can include tangible equipment purchases and upgrades to undergird the church's ability to connect with their members virtually. These technology loans are available through December 31, at 0.25% below DCEF's current rate for loans with comparable terms.

To apply, contact James Michel, the regional Building and Capital Services Advisor for DCEF, at 317.635.6500 Ext. 2535 or [jmichel@disciplescef.org](mailto:jmichel@disciplescef.org).

### DCEF STANDS READY TO HELP ON BUILDING PROJECTS

Thinking about renovating or remodeling your facilities? You're not alone. Many places of worship were built for mid-century congregations and are now too large or outdated.

See how Disciples Church

Extension Fund's competitive loans can help you create a space that works for your faith community - today. Improve your building with a church renovation loan from DCEF.

Whether you're improving your facility to better serve your ministries or simply making it more accessible for your people, DCEF can help by providing an affordable church renovation loan.



#### Accessibility loans:

##### Make your church accessible to more people.

With the help of generous donors, DCEF provides reduced-rate loans to congregations who want to make their churches more accessible to people with disabilities. These loans can be used to fund accessibility projects like:

- Ramps and exterior entrances
- Elevators
- Restrooms
- Sensory packages (e.g., lighting and sound)
- Chancels
- Baptistries
- Vans
- Playground and childcare equipment

#### Green loans: Care for God's creation by "going green"

Disciples Church Extension Fund supports congregations in building and maintaining environmentally friendly places of worship. We provide green loans of up to \$150,000 to churches that want to:

- Upgrade heating/air conditioning systems
- Replace or repair inefficient windows
- Insulate, rewire, or weatherproof a facility
- Improve operations that contribute to a more energy-efficient building

To learn more about DCEF's competitive rates, contact DCEF at <https://disciplescef.org/contact/>